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In re application of: Anand R. BAICHWAL et al.

Serial No.: 09/676,376

Filed: September 29, 2000

For: SUSTAINED RELEASE MATRIX SYSTEMS FOR HIGHLY SOLUBLE DRUGS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Petition For Extension Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136** in the above-identified application.

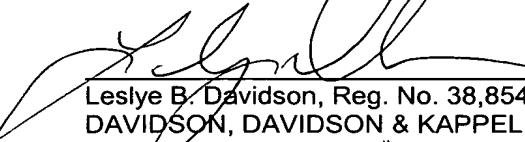
Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
 Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
 No fee for additional claims is required.
 A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

Also transmitted herewith are:
 Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (in duplicate)
 Other:

Check(s) in the amount of **\$0.00** is/are attached to cover:
 Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16
 Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
 Other:

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
 Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
 Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.



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